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HISTORICAL INVENTORY

COUNTY: York.

CLASS : Antiques.

SMITH ESTATE OR HYGEIA ESTATE ANTIQUES.

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1. SUBJECT:

Smith Estate or Hygeia Estate Antiques.

2. LOCATION:

In the Smith home located down a winding road off the main highway, about 1-1/2 miles from the old Post Office and Poquoson Drug Company, Poquoson, Virginia.

3. DATE:

About 1813, age of the cuspidor.
About 1836, age of the dresser.
1830, age of the arithmetic.

4. OWNERS:

1. This cuspidor was first owned by Mr. Sidney Smith, father of Mr. R. H. Smith; from him it was handed down from generation to generation.

2. The dresser also was first owned by Mr. Sidney Smith, who gave it to his son, Mr. R. H. Smith, and from him it went from generation to generation.

3. The old arithmetic was the property of Mr. R. H. Smith.

5. DESCRIPTION:

3. This old arithmetic has a flexible leather back. The following are some examples and a rule taken from the book.

Rule:

Place the sums or quantities as in compound addition with the less under the greater, then beginning with the lowest denominator, subtract each under number from the one above it and set down the remainder, but if the number of either denominator in the under sum be greator than the one above it, subtract it from as many of that denominator as will make one of the next higher, add the difference to the upper number of the next higher denominator.
Proof as in Semple Subtraction:

Example:

Money

	F	T	D
From	5"	0"	6
Take	2"	9"	3
Rum.	2"11"	3 Ans.	

The denominations of English money are Pound, Shilling, Penny and Farthing:

4 farthing make one penny P
12 pence make one shilling T
20 shillings make one pound F

Farthings are written as fractions thus:
1/4 one farthing
1/2 two farthings or a halfpenny
3/4 three farthings

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

Informant: Mrs. Emily Smith, Poquoson, Virginia.

Personal research.